Minutes of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission Meeting June 1, 2012

The regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission was held on June 1, 2012 at 9:00 AM, in the Arkansas River Room at ANRC, 101 East Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Gilbert, Vice Chairman McDermott, Commissioners Pender, Washington, Jones, and Randy Young, Executive Director.

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission staff in attendance included: Edward Swaim, Chief of Water Resources Management Division; Crystal Phelps, General Counsel; Jessica Wallace, ANRC Administrative Services Manager; Todd Fugitt, ANRC Geology Supervisor; Jacob Harvey, Geologist; Perry Dotson, Water Well Inspector; and Jackie Broach, Ground-Water Administrative Analyst.

Chairman Gilbert called the regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Commission to order and welcomed the members of the Boys State Delegation and Christy and Colt Frazier from Shaver's Well Drilling, who were present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Gilbert presented the April 6, 2012 Minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Washington to approve the Minutes as presented and seconded by Vice Chairman McDermott. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Executive Secretary, Randy Young, stated that he had been asked by a member of the Boys State Delegation what an aquifer was. He asked Todd Fugitt to give a brief summary. Mr. Fugitt responded and also gave a brief overview of the AWWCC in relation to the agency business and functions.

Mr. Young introduced Jacob Harvey as the new ANRC Geologist and welcomed him in his new role with the agency. Mr. Young also introduced and welcomed Mr. Lance Jones as the new Commissioner from the Arkansas Department of Health.

Financial Report:

Jessica Wallace, ANRC Administrative Services Manager, reported the Total Revenue as of May 31, 2012 was \$195,474.79, Total Expenses were \$107,797.85, leaving total balance in fund of \$256,121.05. Mrs. Wallace reported that revenues were ahead of what they were at this same time in 2011.

Financial Report was approved.

Legal:

Nothing to report as of this date.

Consideration of Applicants:

Jacob Harvey presented the following applicants for Commission approval:

STATUS OF THOSE ALREADY APPROVED

EMPLOYER NAME

CITY/STATE

None

NEW DRILLER APPLICANT

EMPLOYER NAME

CITY/STATE

Andrew D. Briggs

W.E. Pender and Sons, Inc.

Texarkana, AR

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPLICANT

EMPLOYER NAME

CITY/STATE

Cody B. McMullan

May Water Service, Inc.

Hope, AR

NEW DRILLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

EMPLOYER NAME

CITY/STATE

Shane Gullet **Gary Winkley** Gullett's Water Well Drilling Gilbert's Hard Rock Drilling

Hattieville, AR Mena, AR

Nicholas C. Washington

White River Pump Company

Calico Rock, AR

Jeffrey L. Mross

Rice Well Company, Inc.

Harrisburg, AR

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Randy S. Faulkner

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Executive Secretary Randy Young made a motion to approve the applicants as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pender. Motion carried.

Inspector's Report:

- Entering Well Reports April-228: May-302
- **Answering Phone Questions**
- Investigation of Illegal Drilling and Pump Installers (4)
- Contractor Visits (9)
- County Health Office Visits (10)
- License Testing (1) Individual
- Well Abandonment Investigation (1)
- Sink Hole Investigation (1)

The Inspector's Report was approved.

Other Business:

Chairman Gilbert asked for ideas and/or suggestions on the best way to advertise as a means to emphasize having well and pump installation and/or repairs to be done by professionals. Vice Chairman McDermott responded that this was a good idea and suggested that this also be brought up at the summer meeting with AWWCA in August and ask for their input. Chairman Gilbert recommended that a committee from AWWCC be formed to work with a committee from AWWCA. Everyone was in agreement and Chairman Gilbert appointed Commissioners McDermott, Washington, and Pender to this committee with Commissioner McDermott acting as chairman.

Mrs. Christy Frazier from Shaver's Well Drilling asked the AWWCC for recommendations on obtaining all the necessary annual CEU's required for licensing and registration. Commissioner McDermott responded that six CEU's are required every year and that three can be obtained by online courses. He also stated that you can obtain up to twelve, and six can be carried over for the next year. Commissioner Pender suggested she check with her suppliers and vendors, as they occasionally give courses, as well as taking any business course at a Vo-Tech, college or online. He also stated that CEU's can be obtained by attending the AWWCA bi-annual meetings as well as attending any AWWCC Commission Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Executive Secretary

Date